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THE "MUTUAL FRIEND."

Demise of F. D. Moulton of Beecher-Tilton Scandal Notoriety.

The Life and Career of a Remarkable Man—A Generous Class-Mate—An Humble Beginning Eventually Growing Into Extraordinary Success—Beecher's Gratitude for Moulton's Efforts to Tie Up the Storm.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

New York, December 4.—Mr. Francis D. Moulton died at his residence, 580 Lexington avenue, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, of paralysis of the heart, aged 49 years and 5 months. There were present at his death his wife, Franklin W. Moulton, his son; W. A. Hazard, his partner, and Dr. F. A. Thomas. Six weeks ago Mr. Moulton was taken sick with inflammation of the stomach. At first he did not suffer much inconvenience and was able to leave the house occasionally, and to ride out. But three weeks ago he grew rapidly worse, and steadily weakened until yesterday morning, when the attack of paralysis of the heart ended his sufferings.

During the day his physician

GAVE UP ALL HOPE.

Mr. Moulton leaves a widow and one son, Franklin W., a student in the Columbia Law School and a graduate of Harvard College. His only other child died in infancy. Francis D. Moulton was born in this city in 1835, and was the second son of Severn D. Moulton, formerly a New York merchant, who died several years ago when nearly 80 years old. Mr. Moulton came of a hardy race of men, of English and New England descent. One of his ancestors raised a regiment and fought with honor at Bunker Hill. He lived to pass his ninety-fifth birthday, and then walked two miles to dine with a son. He died after eating a good dinner. His son lived to be

104 YEARS OLD.

and the latter's son died at the age of 35. Francis Moulton received his early instruction from his mother. In 1849 he entered the college now known as the College of the City of New York, where he graduated in 1854. A medal for Latin and one for mathematics were awarded to him, but he insisted that he was not entitled to either of them. He said that Edward Belfour, now a Lutheran minister, was entitled to the first, and Prof. Rodney Kimball, of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, was entitled to the other. Moulton planned to right what he believed to be a wrong when his class met at class-supper, but before that occasion burglars entered the house and carried off the medals with the other plunder. "Well," said young Moulton, "they are quite as much entitled to the medals as I was." Upon commencement day Moulton was to deliver an oration upon an unimportant subject, but he had carefully committed it to memory, he found that it had completely left him, and in its place he delivered an extemporaneous speech. In this college Moulton formed the acquaintance of Theodore Tilton, who afterward went on to make him his most intimate friend.

BEFORE PARTING.

as classmates, and their dissimilarities seemed to strengthen their attachment for each other. Young Moulton would have entered West Point, but for his ill-health. He determined to enter into business and became an office boy in the service of Woodruff & Robinson, his salary the first year being \$75.

In 1861 he became a partner in the firm and soon after he was elected secretary of the warehouse company, which greatly increased under his management. His business ambition was high, and when it was interrupted by his being drawn into public view in the Brooklyn drama, he seemed about to attain all he hoped for. Mr. Moulton's connection with the Beecher-Tilton scandal began on December 30, 1870, when Tilton confided his trouble to him and sought his friendly aid. In his testimony before the jury in the suit for \$100,000 damages for criminal seduction, Tilton testified in substance that on December 30, 1870, after Theodore Tilton had visited him, and made the revelations afterwards made public, he sought out Henry Ward Beecher and brought him and Tilton together, promising to act between them as a mutual friend and henceforth became the repository of secrets and documents. The letters that accumulated on Mr. Moulton's hands from Beecher were full of extravagant praises of his efforts to "TIE UP THE STORM."

He was called "priest in the sanctuary"; he was told that his kindness could never be repaid even by love, "which I (Beecher) give you freely." Again he wrote to Moulton, "I should have fallen by the way but for the courage which you inspired, and the hope which you breathed." Mr. Moulton managed this social complication with such skill that he was able to keep the matter secret for more than four years. When it broke forth through Theodore Tilton, Mr. Moulton endeavored to maintain neutrality, and as he refused to return to Mr. Beecher the letters he held as mutual friend, he was taken upon the defensive by arguments upon his motives, and when at length he broke silence his utterances were in corroboration of Tilton's serious charges. In one of his statements prepared by Gen. B. F. Butler, Mr. Moulton related a separate letter from Beecher, leaving blank the place for the woman's name. This resulted in a suit for libel by Miss Edna Dean Proctor, the settlement of which cost Mr. Moulton about \$10,000. He was the chief witness against Henry Ward Beecher in Theodore Tilton's suit, his testimony filling up 45 pages of the official report of the trial. He was indicted at the instance of Beecher, but a nolle prosequi was entered to the indictment. Mr. Moulton, after the scandal died out, actively resumed business for himself with great financial success, and, in connection with his importation of dairy farming, he was connected with an association for promoting agriculture and frequently lectured in different parts of the country. He was a prominent member of the Board of Trade, and had a mental energy and grasp that would have made him conspicuous in almost any calling. He was pre-eminently a man of affairs. With a genius for management, and had his ambition been to amass wealth, he might have ranked among the millionaires of the metropolis. He retained in his custody the mass of original documents that came into his possession as the mutual friend of Beecher and Tilton, and there is curiosity to know what disposition he has made of them. Mr. Moulton took an active part in the Butler campaign. He was an old friend of Gen. Butler and worked hard for his election. He was an elector and was a member of the City Committee. He made no speeches, but was present at nearly all the meetings. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Cattlemen's Convention in St. Louis recently. For several years he was president of the International Dairy Fair Association. He had a large farm at Narragansett, where he kept choice cows, fine horses and a lot of stock which he was very fond. He bought, not very long ago, Canonville, ex-Governor Sprague's estate. Mr. Moulton was engaged in business with W. A. Hazard, an importer of foreign silk, at 127 Water street. His former partners in the business were J. P. Robinson and Franklin Woodruff. Mr. Moulton

was tall, of stalwart build, with large, blue eyes, abundant auburn hair and a military mustache. His widow is a niece of Mr. Jeremiah P. Robinson.

PREFERRED FATION.

A Washington. Heiress Jills a Wealthy Suitor for a Poor Young Lawyer.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 4.—A great social sensation was occasioned here yesterday when it became known that Miss Mary Willard, daughter of C. D. Willard, a wealthy railroad contractor, had been married without the knowledge of her family to William Paxton, an active young patent lawyer employed in the large patent office of George E. Lemon, publisher of the National Tribune. Miss Willard's marriage was in reality a runaway affair, as 1,500 cards had been issued for her wedding, one week from to-morrow, with George Simpson of the firm of Dornell, Lawson & Simpson, bankers, of New York. Mr. Simpson first met Miss Willard when she and her sister were attending at a fashionable boarding-school in New York, and at once

WELL IN LOVE WITH HER.

Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Willard, with their daughter, went abroad for the purpose, it was said, of severing the young lady's attachment for Paxton, who is a worthy young man, but was objected to because of his poverty. They met Mr. Simpson in London, and he soon became engaged to Miss Willard. Her mother was delighted at the prospect of her daughter marrying a New York banker, and hurried home with her ahead of her father, so as to prepare for the wedding. Mr. Willard left London last Saturday and is now on his way home. Miss Willard, it is said, protested to both Mr. Simpson and her mother against her marriage, saying she did not love the former, but all her entreaties were in vain. Finally, as the time drew so near for the ceremony,

WILL MAKE DESTITUTE.

Mr. Paxton had become a prey to despair, and imagined he had lost his sweetheart forever. Tuesday Miss Willard sent for him, and asked him if he was a man who would stand by her in escaping her wedding with Simpson. Paxton said that he was, and that he would stand by her to the death. She then told him that she had been engaged to Mr. Simpson, and that she had been married to him. Paxton said that he would stand by her to the death, and that he would stand by her to the death.

PROCEEDED THE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Yesterday forenoon the lovers were driven in separate carriages to Trinity Church, where they were married by Dr. Addison. They decided to start at once on their wedding trip, and the bridal party was at the Sixth Street Station before 11 o'clock, two hours before any notice of the license had been given in the papers. Paxton's friends had provided a special compartment in a parlor car on a train for the South. The happy couple were soon on their way from this city. A party of Mr. Paxton's friends went along with them to see that they should not be parted. The bride and groom were seen to enter the train. The bride's relatives, Miss Willard is a very handsome, plump brunette, who made her debut at six years ago. Paxton is comparatively unknown.

RUINOUS RESULTS.

The Effect of the Railroad War Upon Stocks.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

New York, December 4.—When asked yesterday as to the effect of the railroad war on stocks, Washington E. Conner, said: "I am of the opinion that the cutting of rates was a scheme concocted by a few men on the street, who were short of stock. They thought that by bringing on this war they would put some money in their own pockets, while those who were long would suffer in consequence. I trust that the Legislature will take this matter in hand, and I am heartily in favor of the passage of a law by which it shall be

A PENAL OFFENSE.

for a road to cut rates, unless ninety days' notice has been given. I am also in favor of a law which shall require the restoration of rates. Produce merchants are unable to tell by what line to ship their goods, for they cannot prophesy what the rate of freight may be when their products are ready for delivery. A merchant may visit the city and buy a bill of goods. It may be that it costs twenty cents to ship them. Another merchant from the same locality, may be, is able to secure a few hours later a rate of fifteen cents. It is the easiest thing in the world for him to undersell his more unfortunate brother who has paid five cents more, and at the same time secure as much or an additional profit."

"THERE'S JUSTICE FOR YOU."

Mr. J. R. Hineclauder Dillon said, "I am of the opinion that this war will knock out the system of pools. There are too many railroads for the amount of business to be done. Twelve of them clamor for the traffic that three are entirely capable of handling. The weaker companies, in order to secure any business at all, must offer extraordinary inducements. Therefore, when the West Shore attempts to buy against the Erie, it is a case of a man fighting a bear. It is difficult to know what to do in the buying and selling of railroad securities. It is as difficult to determine their real value. The market has driven from 7 to 8 points, on account of this suicidal action on the part of competing lines. Mr. Henry Clews said: 'Freight rates promise to be adjusted, but the fight upon passenger rates between the West Shore and the New York Central will probably be prosecuted with as great vigor as ever for some time to come. The effect of all this upon the market is to

ADD TO THE 'TREASON.'

For the reason it has caused a very serious break in New York Central and Lake Shore. The West Shore competition has reduced their dividend quarterly. In sympathy the entire market has been liquidated. The tendency is now that position have been eliminated from the market. It is a case of a man fighting a bear. It is difficult to know what to do in the buying and selling of railroad securities. It is as difficult to determine their real value. The market has driven from 7 to 8 points, on account of this suicidal action on the part of competing lines. Mr. Henry Clews said: 'Freight rates promise to be adjusted, but the fight upon passenger rates between the West Shore and the New York Central will probably be prosecuted with as great vigor as ever for some time to come. The effect of all this upon the market is to

SLAIN FOR MONEY.

A Maryland Farmer Butchered and His Horse Burned.

CANNERS, Md., December 4.—The house of Calhoun Hurley, in the southwestern section of Calhoun county, burned yesterday. In the ruins was found the body of Hurley, but no part of the head could be discovered, and there is a suspicion of foul play. Hurley was a small farmer, and on the preceding night was at a small store in the neighborhood, where he displayed some silver coin.

BISHOP OF MARYLAND.

The consecration of Dr. Paré, Protestant Episcopal, to take place in January.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 4.—A majority of the standing committees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States have signified their assent to the consecration of Rev. Dr. Paré of Washington, recently elected bishop of the diocese of Maryland. After the consent, the bishop's arrangements will be made for the consecration, which will take place in Washington, early in January.

ROASTED ALIVE.

Fifty Horses Perish in a Car Stable Conflagration.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 4.—Early this morning a fire in the stables of Hall's Springs Railway Company completely destroyed the large building, together with many of the company's cars and fifty horses. The flames started in the hay loft and spread so rapidly that only fifteen of the horses could be taken out. Only one car was removed.

CONFESSED THEIR CRIME.



Murderous Kentucky Regulators Brought to Grief.

Mr. STEINLEY, Ky., December 4.—Sheriff Day has arrested seven men charged with being members of the band of regulators who, a few days ago, killed J. G. Hughes in Rowan County. Two have confessed, implicating ten or twelve others.

A Druggist Murdered.

Mr. STEINLEY, Ky., December 4.—Floyd Toller, a druggist of Farmers, Ky., was killed at Morehead in a fight with John Harris.

tin in the back giving a bouffant effect.



San Francisco, Calif., 1963.